



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH
Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

September 30, 2022

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2022-001905

Dear Mr. Cris Sogliuzzo:

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on September 19, 2022, in which you seek all case-related documents in *Centerline Logistics Corporation and Westoil Marine Services, Inc., a single employer*, Case No. 21-CA-302034 and *Centerline Logistics Corporation d/b/a Westoil Marine Services*, Case No. 21-CA-297655. You assumed financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$37.00.

We acknowledged your request on September 19, 2022.

On September 20, 2022, you modified the request through FOIAOnline to seek all documents in *Centerline Logistics Corporation and Westoil Marine Services, Inc., a single employer*, Case No. 21-CA-302034 and *Centerline Logistics Corporation d/b/a Westoil Marine Services*, Case No. 21-CA-297655, and you added the charge in *Olympic Tug & Barge, Inc.*, Case No. 21-CA-300791.

Your request is denied in part and granted in part, as explained below.

A search of the Agency's electronic casehandling system, NxGen, has been conducted. I have determined that certain records responsive to your request are part of investigative files in open cases before the Agency, and therefore, are exempt from disclosure pursuant to Exemption 7(A) of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(7)(A). Exemption 7(A) allows an agency to withhold records included in an open investigatory file where disclosure could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings. See *NLRB v. Robbins Tire & Rubber Co.*, 437 U.S. 214, 236 (1978). Therefore, given the open status of *Centerline Logistics Corporation and Westoil Marine Services, Inc., a single employer*, Case No. 21-CA-302034, and *Centerline Logistics Corporation d/b/a Westoil Marine Services*, Case No. 21-CA-297655, the investigatory records in the case files are being withheld in full at this time pursuant to Exemption 7(A).

Your request is granted to the extent that formal records in *Centerline Logistics Corporation and Westoil Marine Services, Inc., a single employer*, Case No. 21-CA-302034 and *Centerline Logistics Corporation d/b/a Westoil Marine Services*, Case No. 21-CA-297655 are available to the public pursuant to NLRB FOIA regulations, and the search has located the requested charge in *Olympic Tug & Barge, Inc.*, Case No. 21-CA-300791 (for a total of 23 pages, attached). Upon my review, redactions have been made to portions of these records to protect the privacy interests of individuals named in the records. These redactions were made pursuant to FOIA Exemption 6, which protects personally identifiable information, the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, and FOIA Exemption 7(C), which protects records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) and (b)(7)(C).

Please note that Exemption 7(A) protection is “temporal in nature.” *Citizens for Responsibility & Ethics in Wash. v. Dep’t of Justice*, 746 F.3d 1082, 1097 (D.C. Cir 2014) (citing *NLRB v. Robbins Tire*, 437 U.S. 214, 223-24 230-32 (1978)). As such, case file records may become disclosable, subject to applicable exemptions, after the case closes, that is, once a Board decision and/or court order issues, there has been full compliance with a settlement, or the case has otherwise been closed under Agency procedures. Accordingly, you may wish to file a new request at that time.

The status of these cases can be tracked on the Agency website at www.nlr.gov by going to the Cases & Decisions tab, clicking case search, entering the case number in the search box and viewing the case page or by clicking the link here:

- <https://www.nlr.gov/case/21-CA-302034>
- <https://www.nlr.gov/case/21-CA-297655>

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category D, the “all other requesters” category, because you do not fall within any of the other fee categories. Consistent with this fee category, you will be assessed charges to recover the reasonable direct costs for searching for the requested records, except that you will not be charged for the first two hours of search. NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(ii)(D). Charges for all categories of requesters are \$9.25 per quarter hour of professional time. 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(i).

Less than two hours of professional time was expended in searching for the requested material. Accordingly, there is no charge assessed for this request.

You may contact Brenna Schertz, the FOIA Attorney-Advisor, who processed your request, at (202) 273-0064 or by email at Brenna.Schertz@nlrb.gov, as well

as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the FOIA Attorney-Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison is:

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After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

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National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, Maryland 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: (202) 741-5770
Toll free: (877) 684-6448
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You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at:
<https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home> or by mail or email at:

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Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the FOIA Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

/s/ Synta E. Keeling

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FOIA Officer

Attachment: (23 pages)